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LAURENCE and BROWNS have been renumbered as claim 30 and 34 respectively.
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STE 2 408 Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite
ARLINGTON, VA 22202 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant
regards as the invention.

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.

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Claim 1, next to the last line, "said television broadcast signal" last antecedent basis

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that

☒ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on ☐ This action is made final.

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- ☒ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☒ Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
- ☐ Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
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Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

- ☒ Claims 1-34 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims 21-27 are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claims have been cancelled.
- ☒ Claims 34 are allowed.
- ☒ Claims 1-17, 28, 29, 31, 32 are rejected.
- ☒ Claims 18-20, 30, 33 are objected to.
- ☐ Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.
- ☐ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
- ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
- ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
- ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received ☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. ; filed on .
- ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
- ☐ Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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1. Please note that there are two claims numbered 29, hence, the second claim 29 and subsequent claims have been renumbered as claims 30-34 respectively.
2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, next to the last line,, "said television broadcast signal" last antecedent basis.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 16, 17, 28, 29, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Martinez.

Martinez discloses an interactive video data system with portable subscribers (25) and facilities for communicating from the subscribers when moved from different geographic zones as seen in Fig. 2. Martinez also discloses that the transmitters of the subscribers is 1.5 milliwatt average at 300 baud, hence, the peak power is in the order of milliwatts. Each RCO (base station) covers a different zone of a geographically area (i.e. city). Martinez further discloses the use of satellite links between different geographical areas.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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The prior art cited disclose an audience polling system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wellington Chin whose telephone number is (703) 305-4366.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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